Expenses incurred for introducing compulsory Primary education.

259. *Mr. K. G. Narayna Panicker: Will the Government be pleased to state the preliminary steps and the preliminary expenses incurred for the introduction of Compulsory Primary Education ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Preliminary steps.

1. Appointment of Pakuthy Committees to advise the Director of Public Instruction to select sites for new schools.

2. Visits by the Director of Public Instruction to the various localities to fix sites for the new schools and holding conferences with M. L. As & M. L. Cs. and management of schools discussing details of the programme to be followed.

3. Collection of statistics regarding the existing schools in the matter of site, accommodation etc.

4. Preliminary Census of the children of 5-10 age group and number attending schools.

5. Negotiations with L. M. S. regarding release of their schools.

6. Preparation of the draft rules under the Act.

7. Appointment of Committees for writing Reader for class I in Malayalam and Tamil, the publication of the Readers etc.

8. Conduct of the Refresher course in 80 centres for the benefit of 4000 teachers handling class I.

9. Appointment of a special P. W. D. staff for the construction of Primary School Buildings and fixing up contracts.

10. Appointment of an Advisory Board to help the Director in implementing the scheme.

A sum of Rs. 7,00,000 has been provided for the implementing of the scheme in Nanjinad and the Trivandrum City.

No preliminary expenses other than the pay of the staff of the special section created in the office of the Director of Public Instruction for the purpose and the additional clerk sanctioned for the Nagercoil Assistant Inspector's Office, were incurred.

Compulsory education scheme in the Trivandrum City.

260. *Mr K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of pupils who are now brought under the compulsory education scheme in the City of Trivandrum ;

(*b*) the number of new primary schools opened in the Trivandrum City during 1121 ;

(*c*) the number of primary schools now functioning ;

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